



Federal Legislative Activities - Week of March 24, 2014

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of March 24, 2014 below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, March 25th

10 AM | House Transportation and Infrastructure, Public-Private Partnership Roundtable Panel – Overview of Public-Private Partnerships for water Supply and Treatment

10 AM | House Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education – The Foundation for Success: Strengthening the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies – Public and Outside witness Hearing

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Homeland Security - Budget Hearing – Transportation Security Administration

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – United States Department of Agriculture Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

1:30 PM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – Department of the Interior

2 PM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – Department of Energy, Science

2 PM | House Transportation & Infrastructure Hearing: The Role of Water Quality Trading in Achieving Clean Water Objectives

2 PM | House Natural Resources, Subcommittee: Public Lands and Environmental Regulation- Legislative Hearing-

[H.R. 3006](#) (Calvert), To authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes.

Wednesday, March 26th

10 AM | Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Hearing – Minimum Wage Policy - From Poverty to Opportunity: How a Fair Minimum Wage Will Help Working Families Succeed

10 AM | House Education and the Workforce: Full committee Hearing – Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Department of Labor

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – United States Department of Agriculture Research, Education and Economics

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – United States Army Corps of Engineers

2:30 PM | Senate Indian Affairs – Oversight Hearing – The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for Tribal Programs

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 AM for morning hour and noon for legislative business.

[H.R. 1459](#) - Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act (Subject to a Rule) - (Sponsored by Rep. Rob Bishop / Natural Resources Committee). The House is expected to consider this bill that makes several changes to the president's authority to establish national monuments under the Antiquities Act (PL 59-209). The 1906 law authorizes the president to proclaim national monuments on federal lands that contain historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, or other objects of historic or scientific interest. Among the changes, the bill makes the designation of certain national monuments by the president subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process.

Possible consideration of legislation to address physician reimbursement under Medicare. The House this week may consider legislation to prevent a scheduled 24% reduction in the Medicare reimbursement rate for physician services that is set to occur on March 31 under the current system used to determine rates under Medicare Part B. Bills making permanent modifications to the so-called Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) have reached various stages in both chambers. However, nothing has been enacted.

Thursday, March 27th

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – Environment Protection Agency

10 AM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – Food and Drug Administration

1:30 PM | House Appropriations, Subcommittee: Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies – Budget Hearing – Veterans Affairs